Mr. M. S. Anirudhan (*Karunagapally, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : May I know when this decision was arrived at ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Quite recently.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally Kartikapally, and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : May I know whether that decision of Government has any retrospective force ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : No.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know from Government whether acting service in the municipalities entitles an employee exemption from age-bar ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Those who were entertained by the municipalities before the 14th June 1936, if they were not over 25 years of age then, will be exempted from age-bar for recruitment to the public service.

Acquisition of lands for fishermen's colony at Quilon.

14. ***Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the total area acquired for the fishermen's colony at Quilon ;

(*b*) at whose instance was this acquired ;

(*c*) whether any portion of the mosque premises at Jonakapuram also was acquired ; and

(*d*) whether there were complaints from Muslims regarding this ?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) 1·44 acres.

(*b*) The proposal for the acquisition of lands at Jonakapuram originated as the result of a meeting held in the Office of the District Magistrate, Quilon, in connection with the relief work among the sufferers from the fire in the Quilon beach in 1103.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib : May I know, Sir, whether any portion of land near the mosque was taken possession of ?

President : The honourable member will kindly raise his voice.

Mr. K. George : It seems Sir, that there is a mosque in the neighbourhood.

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Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know what portion was taken possession of near the mosque ?

Mr. K. George: The whole area of land taken possession of is 1·44 acres comprised in Survey Nos. 7363/2, 7364, 7365 and 7372 of the Quilon Pakuthi.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether the area is all round the mosque ?

Mr. K. George: No, Sir. I do not know whether they are all round the mosque.

Mr N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether it is not a fact that the land was taken possession of in spite of the opposition by the Muslim community there ?

Mr. K. George: Government considered the petitions sent in by the Muslims of the locality but finally decided to acquire the lands.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether the Government did not receive any complaints before they decided upon taking possession of the lands ?

Mr. K. George: There were complaints. And those complaints were looked into. But finally Government decided to take possession of these lands.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*): In view of the negative answer to part (*c*) may I know what was the nature of the complaints received by Government ?

Mr. K. George: The complaint was to the effect that the land was near the mosque.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know what action was taken on the complaint ?

Mr. K. George: I have already answered that question, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether the late Dewan Mr. Austin visited this place in connection with similar complaints made and whether orders were passed after that local inspection by the Dewan ?

Mr. K. George: I don't know whether it was Mr. Austin who visited and inspected the locality. I find that the Dewan inspected the site on 17-8-1107.

Construction of the Vernacular Primary Girls' School at Perumathura.

15. *Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the construction of the Vernacular Primary Girls' School at Perumathura (in Chirayinkil) was sanctioned; and

(*b*) at what stage that work now is ?

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